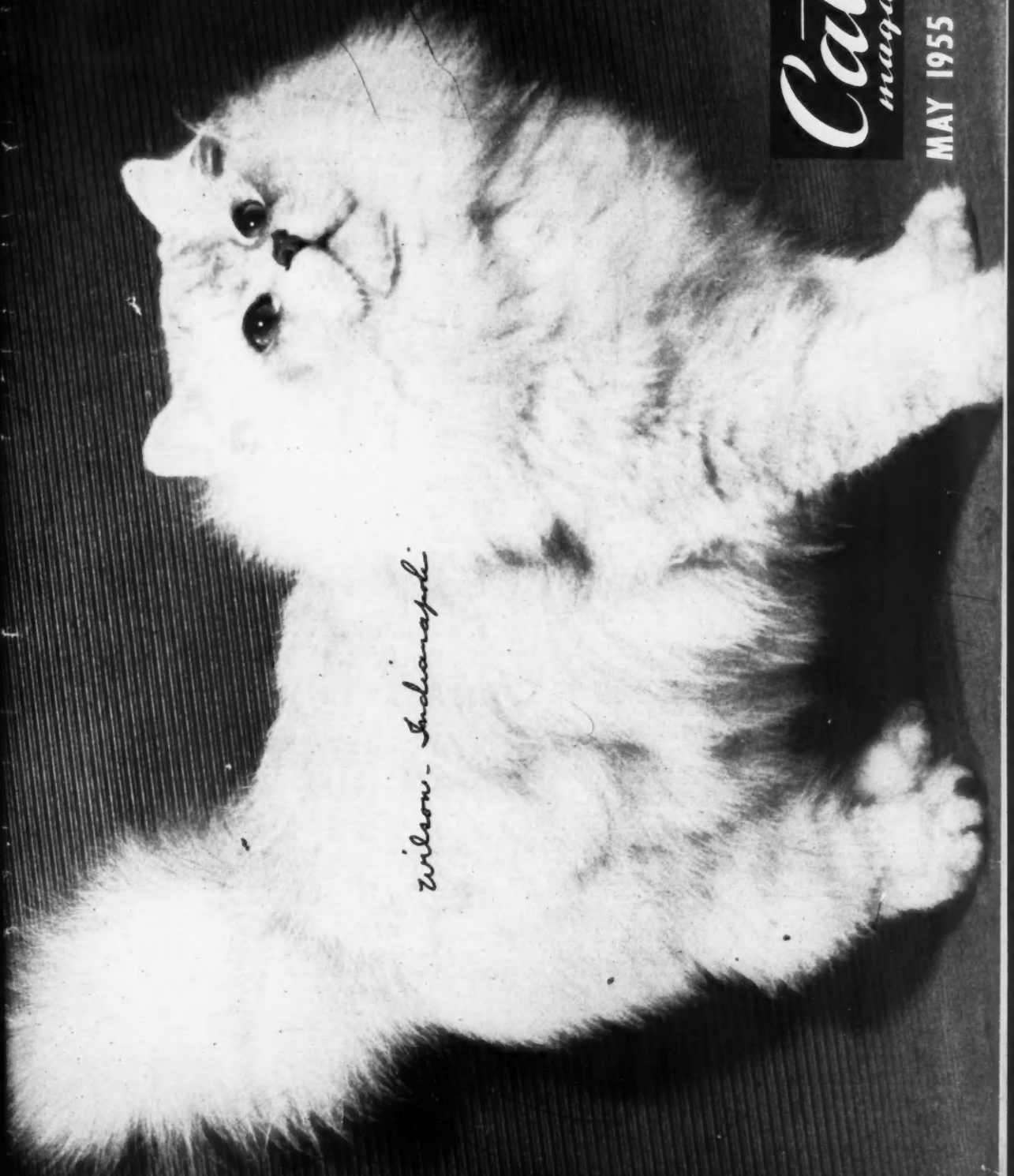


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GHOST GOINGS-ON

Dear Editors:

In connection with neutered cats, you may be interested to hear about my sister's spayed female, Pussums, a great huntress.

One night my stepmother was alone in the house, which is an isolated one on a spur of the chilterns (England). She was sitting up in bed reading when she suddenly noticed under the other bed a pair of glassy eyes, glinting in the half light.

"A dead body", she thought instantly, because this is the way her mind works. Being married to a doctor may have something to do with it.

At the same time the counterpane on the other bed began to heave in the middle. "And a ghost as well," she added to herself, philosophically.

At this point any lesser mortal, me for instance, would have retired behind a futile barrier of blankets, or, at the very least, fainted. But my stepmother is a Scot and very brave, so she coolly lowered the bedside lamp and looking under the other bed revealed — a very dead rabbit.

Simultaneously a sleek and sleepy Pussums slid out from under the counterpane to explain about the kind present she had brought her Missus—after gorging herself on several others, of course.

The sceptical will ask how a cat can get under a counterpane without leaving evidence in the form of disarranged bedclothes, but anyone who owns the Snake Mimic type of cat will know that it can be done, perfectly.

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PEN PALS FOR PEGGY

Dear Editors:

Every time CATS Magazine arrives I look first to see if there are any pictures of cats like Bobby or Redboy. I tell them: "Someday your names will be in there," but they never believe me.

Bobby and Redboy are two twelve-year old alley cats (males). Although

they came from the same litter they are completely different.

I think it would be grand if you could have a little space in CATS for a pen-pal column with names of people who would like to hear from people with cats like their own. I know I would love to write to someone who felt the way I do about alley cats.

Peggy Stiefel

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"CONSIDER THE CURTIS"

Dear Editors:

Perhaps the readers of CATS Magazine might be interested in the source of two titles that appeared in recent issues. They are found in an old English doggerel:

*Consider the cat,
She came to stay
And nothing on earth
Can drive her away.
But, if she should leave;
Alas! Alack!
Then, nothing on earth
Can bring her back.*

I should like to point out that the same source was chosen to title the English translation of Simone de Beauvoir's novel, "She Came to Stay."

The two Siamese poetry-lovers in the enclosed photo, both of whom came to stay, have been assured that the doggerel has nothing to do with their canine enemies.

David Curtis

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A
GENTLE-
MAN
AND A
SCHOLAR

Dear Editors:

Thought maybe you could use a picture of our Fluky. He is part Persian, was fifteen years old last August. Shakes how-do-you-do, jumps through our arms. Loves to crawl inside a large paper bag (after I return from shopping) and take a snooze.

Never gets on any furniture, but will lay in our laps during the evening. Wears a harness and leash when he goes out, is never loose when he goes outside, but doesn't pull on his leash at



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COVER

Ada May Miles' 1955 All-Western Shaded Silver Male Kiva Shaddo graces CATS' cover this month. For those of you who have been wondering about the absence of her "Mews and Views of the West", Mrs. M. promises they'll be back soon. (Gordon Laughner photo.)

(We've received a great many comments on last month's cover with requests for the original photograph of the two Persian kits. Ed Wolfram will be glad to furnish unmounted 8 x 10's sent prepaid for \$2.00 each. Write him at Box 8082, Pittsburgh 16, Pa. Larger sizes are slightly higher.)

all. In fact, we could take it off, but a car might get him. He sleeps on the foot of my bed each night. Never comes around the table, in fact, doesn't seem to know we are eating.

Last winter, he toured Florida, down one coast, and up the other, with us, for a month. We were never turned down, at even the finest motels when we showed them we had a cat. Quite the contrary, they all wanted to keep him. As we were leaving one place, the owner said he had been a perfect guest.

He also understands a bit of the English language, such as: out — breakfast — supper — cushion — cage (used when traveling) — bag — bed — dogs — birds — and car. As well as our first names and those of some of our friends.

He is a little old man now, but still plays with a catnip mouse and looks forward to his nightly walk outside around the house with my husband.

People just can't believe he is 15 years of age. He is a real joy and we do love him.

Mrs. Leon M. Nixon

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GOING TO THE CLEANERS

Dear Editors:

Grandma lets me clean my cat, Orlando, with the vacuum cleaner. He is a big black and tan Persian cat. Some people say he is a tortoise shell but I don't know what that means.

His fur is so long and gets tangled some times so Orlando is glad for me to get the tangles out. It makes his fur so clean and soft and I think it must feel good for he seems to love for me to clean him with the vacuum cleaner.

Sheila Ann Paulson
(age 7)

dictated to her grandmother:

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KITTENS AND CHILDREN

**Tips to the
Novice
from a Novice
by
Blanche Wolfram**

**Young Ginger Frank
awaits the Judge's re-
port on Mrs. Richard
Tracy's Dwend's Sun-
rise. At the Detroit CFA
Show.**

(Detroit Times Photo)

Almost every child has received stuffed animals as gifts. Early in life children get enjoyment and begin to appreciate the various forms of animal life with which nature has provided us so generously. However, a stuffed animal is a poor substitute for the real thing. Have you ever thought of getting a real live animal for that little boy or girl of yours? Well, if you've never given the matter any thought, allow me to let you in on a well-known fact, that there is no finer gift that can be given to a child than a real live kitten.

Pets such as lovable kittens are good for a child to have. They provide an excellent opportunity for devoted parents to train a child in some of the lessons of life that certainly must be learned; caring for his own property, sharing with other children, to be kind and gentle, and to show respect for our animal friends. Just as you love your child, the child will come to love his pet. There are times when in some neighborhoods a child may be without other children as playmates, so a pet here is highly recommended as a companion. Many hours of real enjoyment and entertainment will be furnished to both the child and to you as parents, with a kitten in the house, for a kitten can be trained in the ways of humans and a child can easily be taught the ways of its little furred pet.

Now is the time of the year for you to look around for a good kitten. In this season, many kittens will be born and placed in homes where they will want the loving care they so greatly deserve. Now, while you're thinking about it, check the various ads in this magazine as well as the Directory Annual and make a note to drop some breeder a line. When your kitten arrives, keep the following information in mind.

First of all, begin by training your child the proper way to handle a kitten

so that when it receives the pet, all will be well from the beginning. We know that the excitement of a new pet in the home causes all to be anxious, and, especially the child. When it first sees the kitten, it will want to run and pick up the animal, screaming with joy. This alone succeeds more than anything else in frightening the kitten. It will think that the child is coming to hurt it and it will do all in its power to try and escape. This immediately causes an unnecessary barrier which oft times is hard to break down.

Give the matter a little consideration before the initial meeting of the two. Teach your child to approach an animal with gentleness so that neither will become frightened. Too often in such incidents we are prone to blame an animal for hurting the child. If the animal could talk, we would probably discover that it was so scared it knew only to do one thing, defend itself. This is an important lesson, and if it is properly learned, when an animal is encountered on the street or on the playground no serious accident will occur. Sometimes a child will develop a distasteful too-loving attitude in handling animals. This is due to only one thing, that the child was not taught that a pet is also a living creature and that it, too, can feel the effects of pain.

One question that is sure to be asked is how old should a child be before it is given a pet for its very own? Let's begin this way. Never force a pet on your child; wait until it shows a genuine desire to have one for itself. This provides a good relationship from the start and in this way you can be sure that the pet will receive the attention of the youngster.

However, the desire of the child is not the only criterion. You must also think of the age of the child as well as his mental growth. Is he old enough to

really appreciate a pet? Is he old enough to learn the proper methods of handling and treatment? These two questions should be your real guide. Children at an early age will want to maul an animal very badly. A tail of a kitten will look to the child as a convenient device of mother nature for carrying the animal about and so he will use it as such. Kittens love to chase small objects about a room and play with them; but teach the child not to throw objects at the pet causing injury. No animal should be required to live a life of physical torment; if a child cannot be taught the right method of care, hold off for a while in getting the pet.

There is one more angle you might want to consider. Whether you obtain just an ordinary kitten or a glamorous Persian or Foreign Shorthair makes little difference, but the purchasing of one can. In a limited way, children do have a sense of value. If a price is paid for the kitten the child might give it greater attention. Here another lesson can be taught. It is a good idea when purchasing a kitten to have the child save some of his pennies towards the cost. He might even want to contribute in this way to its care, but he will surely love it more if he knows that he actually helped to buy it.

It is extremely advisable to be fully prepared for the arrival of the kitten. Perhaps you had not given this much thought, however, is a necessary step. Find out from the person who is the breeder of the kitten just what care it has been used to and what suggestions would be of help to you. Make sure that you follow the diet that is given so that nothing will cause an upset condition. Keep the kitten in one room temporarily until it gets used to its new surroundings. It will be a few days before the kitten becomes completely used to its new home so this must be done gradually and it must be shown much love and affection.

You will find in the November issue of Cats Magazine an article under *Tips For The Novice From A Novice* entitled "Care of Kittens After Weaning". This should be of great help in caring for the kitten you have purchased.

Although the former owner will take all possible precautions in sending you a healthy animal, it is advisable to take the kitten to your veterinarian for a complete check up. Very often a kitten in transit may pick up something left by a previous animal at the shipping station.

Now for some handling tips. Teach your child that in picking up a kitten there is a right way and a wrong way. Although you may have seen many persons pick up a kitten by the scruff of the neck this is very unwise. The proper

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

CAT ON THE ROOF

*On the city roof
three sparrows lurch;
chirping gaily,
they fly to perch*

*on the TV wand.
The young cat chatters
with impotent fury.
Of feathered matters*

*the three birds gossip.
The young cat whips
her tail at the merry
sparrow-quips,*

*quivers and curses
and wonders why
a cat as smart
as she can't fly!*

Frances Frost

TO A SMOKY PERSIAN

Sleep, beautiful Kitter, beneath the green grass
And let me still fancy you hear as I pass;
Your ear span is ended and stilled your purr,
Our dear precious Kitter, your soft silken fur;
Never a moment in your seven earth years
But you made our home joyous, banished our tears
As you ran through the house like a grey streak of smoke
Rolled over in play, our praise to invoke.
You'd jump on a chair back, curl under a lamp—
Oh, your coquettish ways would outrival a vamp!
Now blossoms above you rain down in pink showers
And make your grave-cradle a bright nest of flowers;
There was peace in the garden wherever you went
As you watched the gay birds without savage intent.
Now encircling your grave as they fly overhead;
Do they know, as they sing, that our Kitter is dead?

George Blaney Skaer

How many times have I rested tired
eyes on her graceful little body, curled
up in a ball and wrapped round her
tail like a parcel; or stretched out lux-
uriously on my bed, one paw covering
her face, the other curved gently in-
wards, as though clasping an invisible
treasure.

—Agnes Repplier

UNEASY TRUCE

*She slips by her canine enemy
With feline grace; gains
A corner of the nearest rug, ignoring
threat*

*Rumbled by her ungenerous, heredi-
tary foe*

*Where he basks in warmth, assurance
and repose.*

*With artful care she tucks padded
feet*

*Under her breast, the while her slit-
ted eyes,*

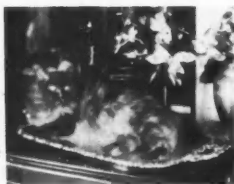
*Bright sentinals, alert, though veiled,
Appraise! A slender quiet reigns!*

Bessie Berg

Collected by ANNE METCALF MOON AND CAT

The moon and a cat, I think, are kin;
For whenever the moon is golden . . .
full . . .
My cat is a changed-over creature. He
will
Not answer my call and won't come in
But darts over the grass as swift as
flame
To spar with the shadows beside the gate,
Or leap in the air like a moon-crazed
thing
To strike at a moth. I surely blame
The moon for his actions.
For the cat inside
Is almost as bad. He will not sleep
But jumps on a table or window sill
To peer through the pane where a golden
tide
Of moon-beams ripple. I swear they are
kin,
The cat staring out and the Moon look-
ing in.

—Luella Bender Carr



Beautiful present suffi-
ciency of a cat's imagi-
nation! Confined to the
snug circle of her own
sides, and the next two
inches of rug or carpet.

—Leigh Hunt

ROVER AND THE MATERNAL URGE

*Rover, the kittens
Have a most attractive mother.
Honestly, Rover,
They don't require another!
They've already been washed ---
And more gently, I may say.
Yet here we go, slurp, slurp,
Whooshing away.*

*Your jaws are far too cavernous;
Your tongue is much too rough.
One lick, and seven kittens
Go sprawling. That's enough!
You'll accidentally swallow them,
You'll drown them or you'll smother
them*

*Unless you doggedly restrain
This mad desire to mother them!*

Ethel Jacobson

LILAC IS EXPECTING

She walks in rhythmic, swaying dignity,
Each petaled paw set down with careful
grace,
And in the soft triangle of her face
Her gold-flecked eyes hold new benignity;
She keeps, for all her love, a slight
reserve,
And when she sleeps, her robe of maltese
gray
Is subtly billowed, faintly negligee,
A flow of satin in a languid curve.

No longer does she lurk beneath a chair
To bat the spaniel's woolly ear nor stand
Erect to arch her neck against my hand
Nor leap at butterflies and catch the air--
Small hedonist, now grave in dedication
To the primordial canon of creation.

Jean Sewell Standish

THE CAT IN THE PEACH TREE

*Tell me, you daughter of Siam,
(Prettier by far than I am)
Smiling wisely from the pink, peach tree,
What is it you would teach me?
What thought's behind your sooty face,
In eyes the blue of heaven's grace?
How is it you, a cat, can tell
Those blossoms suit your color well?
Up in that tree this springtime day,
You've set the mice to carefree play.
See? Even the bird is bold and free
Up with you in the pink peach tree.
Vain Cat, lofty, indolent cat
Wearing a bloom like an Easter hat.
Let me up in the tree with you;
We'll think together, just we two.*

Jeanne Davis-Racco

AN OLD CAT MEDITATES

Now that I'm old I do not venture far
Beyond the yard; a speeding motor car
Might overtake me, but I like to walk
Across the street, the neighbors often
talk

To me in kindly tones and pat my head,
Though my own mistress sees that I'm
well fed;

Yet there are times I sit with saddened
gaze

Depressed and lonely, thinking of the
days

When I was young and went on many
a jaunt . . .

No one who sees me now, dull-eyed and
gaunt,

Would hardly ever think I once had
fluffy fur

And nimble feet, a most engaging purr.
But it's the way of cats and human kind
To grow decrepit both in form and mind;
And though perhaps I've not done as I
should,

As folks and felines go, I'm pretty
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Margaret E. Bruner
From her book, *In Thoughtful Mood*



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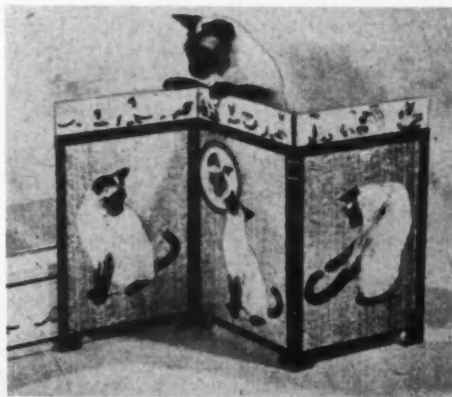
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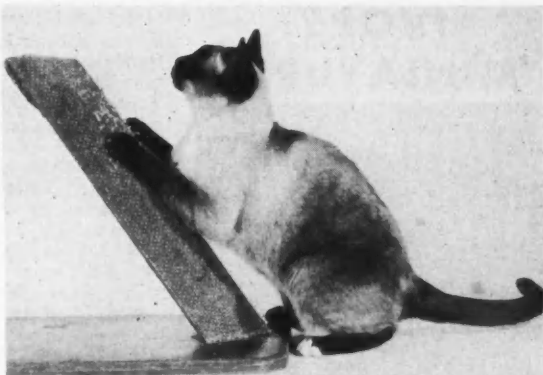
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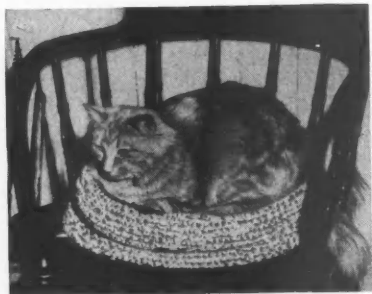
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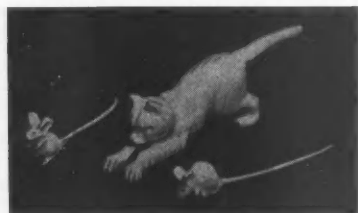
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URINARY BLOCKAGE IN THE MALE CAT

Too frequently, one hears of a cat that died of Kidney Trouble. This term is loosely used to cover all ailments of the urinary system. Although many advances have been made in this field by the veterinary profession, cat owners do little or nothing in the prevention of this disease. Many deaths due to kidney trouble are unnecessary. The first and most important step in saving a cat is to recognize the ailment early and to treat it promptly before it reaches a serious stage. In this article I will try to dispense with as many technicalities as possible and present an easily recognizable symptomatic picture. I shall explain what should be done when various symptoms appear and how to prevent urinary block.

In the cat a frequent cause of urinary block is the formation of triple phosphate crystals and/or mucoid plugs in the urine. These stop the urethra, a tiny duct leading from the bladder to the outside of the cat's body. When enough crystals or plugs form, the urine cannot pass and is retained in the bladder. Cystitis or bacterial inflammation of the bladder usually sets in or an infection may be a contributing factor in the formation of the block. The urethra of the female cat is larger than that of the male. She can pass crystals or plugs of a size that would block the urethra of the male. This is one reason urinary trouble is more frequent in males.

When the cat cannot urinate the bladder soon becomes filled to capacity and its dilation or enlargement causes a pressure upon the kidneys. The kidney then ceases to function properly in eliminating the waste matter. The toxins or poisons in the kidneys are re-absorbed into the blood stream and travel through the body. Usually the cat rapidly develops Uremic Poisoning which ends in a painful death unless very promptly treated.

Growths, tumors and calculus (actual stones) also cause stoppage. These demand treatment by your Veterinarian. Even a heavily matted coat may disturb kidney function. Heavy mats between the hind legs that pull and pain when the animal squats to urinate may cause him to sit for hours before he will try to relieve himself. This self-induced wait tends to strain the bladder and can also cause other troubles.

A cat's urine is normally acid in reaction. When the reaction changes to alkaline the crystals which can cause stoppage begin to form. Diet is probably one of the major factors affecting the acidity or alkalinity of the urine, and a diet change can usually arrest or reverse any tendency toward alkalinity.

In my own cattery I closely observe the cats' sanitary pans every day, and believe that all owners should train themselves to learn the indications which can tell them so much about their pets' health, and to make such examinations regularly. In examining the urine, it is, of course, necessary to have a clear sample, so if you are using a commer-

cial litter, omit this and put newspaper, or nothing at all in the pan on the days you wish to make your tests.

When you have your sample, look to see if the urine is darker in color than usual? Is there blood in the urine? Is there an abnormal odor? And most important of all, *is there a residue?* The first hint of crystal formation is a scatter of very fine shiny sand. Sometimes this can only be noticed when held to a light. At the next stage, small powdery drifts of white or shiny sand can be seen, and in advanced cases there may be actual crystals or plugs that were not large enough to stop the urethra. If you notice any of these, be prepared for trouble.

Litmus paper is a chemically treated paper product which when inserted in a liquid changes color according to the acidity or alkalinity of the liquid. It is part of my equipment and should be kept on hand by every cat owner. The preferable type is that called "Hydriion" manufactured by Essential Laboratory, Brooklyn, N. Y. It can be purchased at some pharmacies, or your Veterinarian may carry it. Unlike the old pink and blue papers, this one paper tests for both acid and alkaline content, and tells the degree. A color chart is given with the paper if requested. A cat's urine is normally between six and seven on the chart, and a variation either way should be viewed with suspicion and an attempt made at once to bring the reaction back to normal. A diet change will usually do this, but in addition I give five grain Methenazine and Sodium Biophosphate tablets three times a day until the reaction is normal. A good policy is to test the urine once a week, and even more often if suspicious symptoms are noticed. When diet change and medication do not change the alkalinity reaction within a few weeks, you should immediately consult your Veterinarian.

In any kidney trouble the cat rapidly loses condition, the coat looks ragged and the eyes recede into the head. In kidney trouble of the acute type the cat usually shows marked depression and there may be intermittent vomiting. The cat becomes very weak and you may notice that less or no urine is being passed and it is dark or thicker than usual. The cat frequently licks the genital organs in an effort to relieve the pain or discomfort. A pressure on the loins (sides of the lower abdomen) will cause the cat to crouch and cry out in pain. This crouching position and a disinclination to move about are very symptomatic. There is usually a curious stiffness of movement as if the cat had rheumatism and he will just crouch and swish his tail in an unnatural manner. In later stages the mouth may become congested, the blood vessels inside the mouth become engorged and the cheeks red. There may be an ulceration of the mouth. In the terminal stage (near death) there is a drop in temperature and the feet and legs become cold to the

by Muriel Morton Koenig

touch. Any delay in taking action at the symptoms mentioned in this paragraph will probably be fatal. Get your cat to your Veterinarian immediately!

All cat owners should familiarize themselves with the position of the bladder in the cat's body. It is a pear-shaped organ which lies in the lower region of the abdomen just in front of the hind legs. Retention of the urine causes the bladder to enlarge and the change may readily be felt through the walls of the abdomen. Ask your Veterinarian to show you the exact position and become accustomed to the normal size. You then will be able to notice any deviation. If the bladder is enlarged and hard to the touch see your Veterinarian at once. A mistake commonly made when the cats sits on the pan and strains or groans is the thought that it is constipated. Do not jump to a wrong conclusion and administer a laxative, feel the bladder and find out if it is enlarged. Giving a laxative at a time like this will only delay the treatment and may prove very harmful.

The treatment in urinary block depends on the individual cat and the length of time that has elapsed since the retention began. In mild cases a medicant is given to stimulate the flow of urine. It usually contains an antiseptic to ward off or treat cystitis. In more advanced cases your Veterinarian can give more potent medicine hypodermically. He may find it necessary to catheterize your cat. This is accomplished by passing a minute tube through the urethral opening into the bladder and the urine will flow out through this tube. At this time the bladder is usually irrigated or washed out with an antiseptic solution. If your cat must be anesthetized advise your Veterinarian against the use of Sodium Pentothal for it has been found that the cat reacts adversely to this anaesthetic especially with kidney conditions and it is very possible that this drug will cause the cat's death. Catheterization is a very painful procedure and humane considerations warrant an anaesthetic to prevent more serious injury.

At times the muscles may lose strength to expel the urine. It may then be "hand expressed" when there is not a complete block. To do this, the bladder is grasped through the abdominal walls and kneaded in the proper manner forcing the urine to be manually expelled. This method requires skill and should never be attempted by the owner unless thoroughly trained in the technique. This is often done for a few days after the cat has been catheterized until the bladder begins to function properly. In extreme cases where a catheter cannot be inserted or the utmost speed is necessary in removing the urine your Veterinarian may puncture the bladder through the abdominal wall allowing the urine to escape thru the needle. This is used only in severe cases for there is always danger that the urine may escape into the ab-

dominal cavity and the risk of infection is great. Every cat owner should keep in mind that it is far more simple to take preventive measures early than to wait for more serious conditions to develop.

On this subject, Mark L. Morris, B.S., D.V.M., of Topeka, Kansas, wrote in "Veterinary Medicine," February 1954.

In the management of urological problems in the cat the following points are important:

1. Has the dietary intake of Vitamin A been adequate?
2. Has the cat been consuming a diet excessive in mineral ash?
3. Is there an infection of the bladder or urethra?
4. Has the cat been on a biologically unbalanced ration consisting of low quality protein, insufficient fat, and inadequate amounts of Vitamin B complex?

Dr. Morris also mentions that urinary troubles may be brought about by atrophy of the urethra sometimes associated with early castration of the male and by other causes—thus it is important to call in your Veterinarian if you feel that your own treatment is not bringing results.

To help prevent "kidney trouble" watch your cat's diet—make a change if the urine shows a dangerous reaction in your litmus tests. Be sure to add animal fat to your cat's regular ration—gravy, bacon grease, small amounts of chicken fat, etc. are good.

A vitamin food supplement such as those advertised in CATS magazine is advisable, and brewer's yeast is beneficial. Lack of exercise, especially in the stud cat who is too often caged at all times, is very possibly associated with some urinary conditions, and even exposure to extreme cold can be a contributory factor.

In summary: Give your cats a balanced diet; allow plenty of exercise; groom your longhair cats carefully to keep them free from mats. Watch your cat for any signs of trouble and test the urine reaction regularly. At the first suspicious signs begin treatment. Do not delay—it is the alert and observant owner who has healthy cats.

Muriel Morton Koenig is a registered nurse with a sound medical background. She is well known in the Cat World as the owner of the Sophisti-cat Cattery and is affiliated with the Blue Gables Cattery.

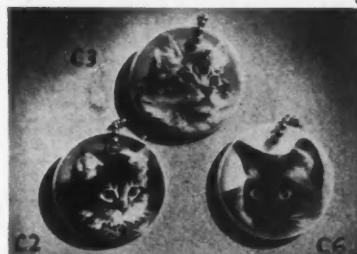
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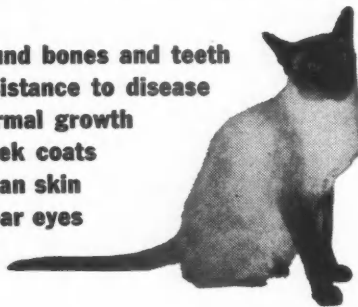
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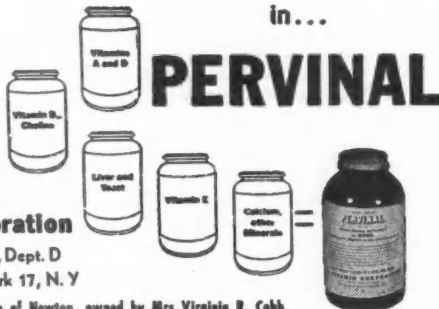
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Think For Your Cat

by Henrietta Hitchcock

Don't treat your cat as though he could reason like a human being. You might think such advice to be superfluous until you listen to the remarks of inexperienced cat owners.

"He almost got hit by a car; that should teach him to stay out of the street," they will actually say. Or, "Why, he wouldn't jump right out that window, why should he do that?" Or, "He has plenty of playthings, why should he pull pins out of the pincushion or pick up rubber bands and swallow them?"

The answer to all such foolish queries is simply, "Because he is a cat. He cannot reason, he cannot deduce, he cannot foresee, he cannot remember very accurately. Pig-headedly repeating some action is not the same as remembering and being guided by an unfortunate experience."

Cats have strong and definite personalities and I suppose that is why so many cat owners fall into the error of thinking cats can profit by experience and be left to run their lives without supervision and guidance. Perhaps they can operate by instinct, in a wild state. But living in a city apartment or house, with dangerous traffic in the street, is not the same as living in a wild state.

Cats must be protected against dangers they cannot understand. They will jump out an open window if a bird flies past. They will return to the perilous street until one day your pet lies there, dead, a pitiful flattened mass. Your fault and yours alone. If your cat swallows a threaded needle, a rubber band, a sharp bit of cellophane, and dies in agony or recovers only after a painful and costly operation, it is your fault and yours alone.

When you have a small child in the house, do you leave matches and sharp knives about, or do you remember to keep them always out of reach? Do you moan over shattered glass and china, or remove bric-a-brac or tape it down securely to its shelf?

Anyone who genuinely loves cats will create comfortable, practical, safe living conditions. Many people own cats who do not really love them. Siamese especially, fashionable just now, are the victims of insensitive owners.

I know one woman who had two Siamese kittens. She wanted advice on her great problem. The cats were running up and down rough-textured curtains. When their owner approached, they hid under the couch, peering out with frightened eyes.

"Don't you ever pet them?"

"Yes, they get in my lap sometimes, but I get cat hair all over my dress."

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Cats Question Box

Conducted by E. A. Renaux, D. V. M.

I have a thirteen-year-old male cat who has had a chronic case of conjunctivitis of both eyes for over two years—just enough to make him appear untidy. One veterinarian has recommended a mercury ointment, but since the label is marked "poison" I am afraid to use it, as the cat is sure to be able to rub his eyes with his paws and lick them off. Can you give me any suggestions?

—V.M., Greentown, Pa.

I would be of the opinion that in a pet of this age, there would not be too much that could be done to cure the condition. However, systemically, the use of Vitamin A and Riboflavin may help, and I would also suggest local treatment with methylene blue or Metaphen drops.

Is there any sort of drug which is safe and effective for the relief of pain in cats. I have been unable to get a yes or no answer to this question from my veterinarian.

—A.B.O., Birmingham 9, Ala.

There are many different drugs that are both effective and safe for use in relieving pain in cats. But the same rules that hold true in human medicine apply also to Veterinary medicine—not all individuals will respond to the same drug in the same way. In certain individuals some "pain killers" will only cause very severe reactions and intensify the difficulties. If only a yes or no answer as to what drug to use were possible, it would save your veterinarian a lot of worry about your pets. And remember, not only must he treat the pet, but if the owner doesn't think the results are as fast or as sure as they should be, no treatment will be satisfactory as far as the owner is concerned.

Does it make any difference at what age one has a male cat or dog neutered. If it does, what is the best time to do it.

—R. B., Kim, Colorado

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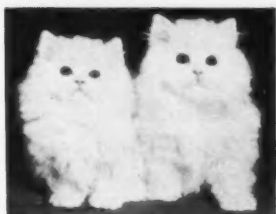
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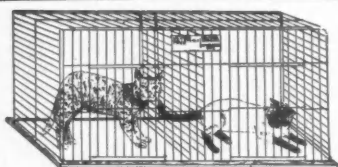
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BOOKS IN REVIEW

FISH HEAD by Jean Fritz. Illustrated by Marc Simont. Coward-McCann, Inc., New York. \$2.75.

P-s-s-s-t! Watch that fellow coming along on his sea legs. He is on shore leave and a great crisis could take place any moment. Stand by and let's see what it all means.

Fish Head is his name and he lives on a boat which accounts for his being somewhat wabbly when he goes ashore. He was always fond of the water and lived near it ever since he was a kitten because it was what he liked to do, though goodness knows there must have been plenty of drawbacks. He was never the ordinary landlubber and in time might have developed cat-ennui, cat-jaundice or some other catastrophe by reason of living so long on Clambake Island and being decidedly unpopular with the Butcher and the people who lived along the waterfront. All this repression doubtless would have reacted unfavorably with a nature like Fish Head's had he remained on Clambake Island all his life.

The Rat changed Fish Head's life completely. The Rat knew his way around on the waterfront not only as well as Fish Head did but a little bit better, so when Fish Head put up a chase after the Rat he only succeeded in getting himself on a boat which went to sea and from then on everything was different. It was tough at first but after he learned how to walk with the boat rocking furiously and the wind and waves crashing all around him the sun came out and Fish Head was happy. There were the three sailormen and plenty, oh, a great plenty of fish. Where he had had to beg or steal before now, those lovely fish dropped right down on the deck and all he had to do was to eat them. Of course he was happy. But some people have to return to their old haunts to learn whether the past or present suits them best, so it was with Fish Head. When the boat returned to Clambake Island he was eager to see it and renew his old landmarks and acquaintances.

And now he is walking along the waterfront which looks mighty dull and uninteresting. It's nice for a visit but does he want it in preference to the salty life on the boat with the sailormen. Here he comes with his head down—he's either looking for something or making a big decision. Suddenly there's a chug-chug of a motor, the sound of an anchor coming up and a rope being

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drawn around the windlass. The air smells of fish. One minute to go. He lingers on the dock and looks around. Then he gets the call from Carrots, his best sailor friend: "Fish Head, Fish Head, All aboard." In a split second there is a swish of fur and a streak of cat. Life on the bounding main is ever the life for him. Fish Head is safe aboard!

Splendid, salty drawings by Marc Simont make this the life of Fish Head good entertainment for young and old. —F.F.

THOUGHTS OF MY CATS by Bruce Marshall, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, \$2.75.

Bruce Marshall writes with a trenchant, definite style and expounds throughout his books his personal philosophy on many things, both worldly and ecclesiastical. He includes cats in his mental peregrinations. He likes them to the point where, he states, he embraces them among the few neighbors he has ever been able to love outside the Lord.

In this book he mentions Pickles, the first feline he remembers belonging to his family, then came his own Fluffy. From there on he has lived through and with a medley of all sorts of cats. Somewhere along the way he has taken time to embellish his cats with such marvelous, splendid names that one wonders how the other members of his human family could ever keep track of any of them.

Along with his house in the south of France he had a garden which became a refuge for all strays. The neighbors furnished the cats, the Marshalls donated the asylum. Here flourished the Cat d'Antibes family, being in the nature of a cat-apostolic line of succession with its own peculiar form of initiation. Each new cat as it appeared was spat upon by the reigning Sammy Rex when she or he became one of the ever-growing kingdom. There came and went such characters as I Fiori, Joshua Dew Choir, Seraphin, Godifroy, Casiano, Tani, Eulalie, Armitage, Hengeist, Nicky Low, Demosthene, Sylvestre, Cantacugini and many others.

Mr. Marshall's greatest love is probably for his Church, yet he spares neither man or the Cloth when it comes to animals. He has waited for many years, he states, but never heard from his pastor the Abbe Zannuzzielli, nor from any other preacher in England or in France a single sentence against the cruelty to animals.

Mr. Marshall's philosophy or plain common sense it may be, includes the firm opinion that all cats whose kittens cannot be kept or have no place provided for them should be sterilized without more to do, and all kittens should be put to sleep at birth if no homes are waiting for them.

The book includes a number of engaging photographs of some of Mr. Marshall's favorite cats.—F.F.

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Dear Felix:

I thought you would like to learn that our Ramon, 1954 Cat of the Year and the highest-scoring All-Western cat in 1955, has used your C-Vue carrying case exclusively in his travels to his many cat shows in all parts of America.

In the C-Vue shown in the photograph, he has had 235 hours in the air, traveling a total of 48,000 miles (twice around the world) in attending shows in nine different states.

Seeing him as they could in the C-Vue Carrier, airport personnel took much more interest in him, and the Red Caps were always proud to carry him -- showing him to other passengers as they went -- Ramon's fuzzy head, curious eyes, and sniffing nose clearly visible. I thought at first that seeing the traffic would frighten him, but all he has ever displayed has been an intense interest in all that went on around him.

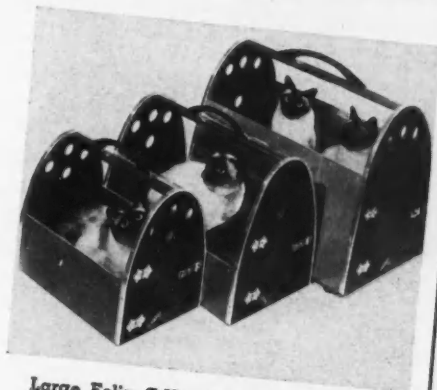
The stewardesses on the planes would go up front several times each trip to check him, always reporting to us that he was sleeping or that he appeared "very comfortable". The large size C-Vue was roomy enough so that he could stand up, lie down, or turn about as he chose.

I really think he has stacked up a record of some sort in traveling. Generally exhibitors stay in one area while taking in several shows, but because of our other cats at home, we returned to Lemon Grove after each show, starting off afresh to the next one.

It meant a lot of extra travel for Ramon, but he enjoyed every minute of it. He is as much at home in his C-Vue carrier as he is in his own home.

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Exposing Another Great Cat Canard

by Guy Bogart

For years we shall be hearing that in 1954 a cat killed an infant in its crib—so I urge that you retain this incident to refute a centuries-old myth cited by cat haters. I am indebted to Mrs. Alice M. Clark of San Francisco for copies of two newspapers of that city, the CALL-BULLETIN of Wednesday, Nov. 10, 1954, in early and later editions.

In a five-column, five-inch headline it is screamed on the front page of the CALL-BULLETIN: "CAT SMOTHERS PENINSULA TOT. BROTHER FINDS PET ASLEEP ON CHILD'S FACE." The story from Redwood City begins "Two-months-old Richard Smith was found dead today — apparently smothered by the family's pet cat." (How many readers will note that "apparently," especially since the scare headlines are unqualified?) Continuing: "The baby was found lifeless in his bassinet yesterday afternoon by his mother, Mrs. Jean Smith of 3412 Spring St., after another child, John, 4, came to her with the cat in his arms and told her he had found the animal in his infant brother's bed. John related that when he went into the bedroom he saw the cat curled up on the face of baby Richard. (How reliable is the detail observation of a 4-year-old?)

Then we learn it was all a mistake. THE CAT WAS IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE CHILD. On the same day (Nov. 10) in a later edition of the CALL-BULLETIN, on the front page but in center of page with one-column 1½-inch heading: "AUTOPSY SHOWS 'SMOTHERED' TOT HAD BRONCHITIS," we read that "An autopsy today disclosed that two-months-old Richard Smith died of acute bronchitis and bronchial pneumonia, and not of smothering by the family cat as first supposed" . . .

"Authorities theorized that the cat had choked off the baby's breath, but this was dispelled by the autopsy performed this morning. . . Mrs. Smith said she unaware that the baby was ill." (He was the youngest of seven children.)

I am not criticizing the San Francisco CALL-BULLETIN. I had years of experience as a reporter, city editor and feature writer and realize the "news value" of the story. We face this fact, however, many people who read the highly-heralded first story will have missed the true smaller refutation of the second; while there are cat-haters who will not fail to ignore the facts and quote a scare-headlined feature of a large city daily. For generations, this story will be quoted, like the flap-doodle of birds being exterminated by cats. Let cat lovers arm themselves with the facts, for I confess that I am less irked by cat haters than by cat lovers who through ignorance of facts apologize for cats.

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1955 ALL-WESTERN CHOSEN

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Heading the list of the ten highest-scoring western cats this year, at last, is Triple Grand Champion Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, the 1954 Cat-of-the-Year. Following in order are Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Tempurra's Yours Truly, Dbl. Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, Ch. Kiva Shaddo, Tpl. Ch. Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, Dbl. Gr. and Quad. Ch. Lanny Lea's Favorite of Billig, Cresthaven Mr. Big of Prieta, Quad. Ch. Leilani's Liliuokalani of Fiddler's Green, Gr. Ch. Lamar's Kuan Yin, and Quad. Ch. Senza Coda's Storm Cloud of Ontario.

The longest record of continuous All-Western wins goes to Quad. Champion Billig's Patina who has been A-W every year since 1951 and A-A in '52, '53, '54. The earliest win by this year's team, however, was scored by Gr. Ch. Lamar's Kwan Yin when she was A-W and A-A in 1948; she was also A-W in 1949 and WMH last year. Both Tommy Orange and Mei Li's Manx Sno Crystal were A-W in 1950, and both repeated this win last year, with Tommy also gaining All-American in 1950. Silvercrest Alcyone of Skyland was A-W in 1953 and 1952 with both A-W and A-A wins in '49 and '54. Quad. Ch. Storm Cloud of Ontario has won his fourth successive A-W ribbon, and was A-A in '52, '53, and '54.

This year marks the third successive All-Western win for Tpl. Ch. Shawnee Cardinalette, Quad. Ch. Belmont Bobette of Smithway, Dbl. Gr. and Quad. Ch. Lanny Lea's Favorite of Billig, Gr. and Tpl. Ch. HRH Marin Princess Always, Quad. Ch. Dhu Lleo Calo of Truantail, and Gr. and Quad. Ch. Renee's Zaca of Kiva.

Gr. and Tpl. Ch. Tempurra Yours Truly was 1954 A-W and A-A Shorthair Kitten, and twenty-three other cats are also repeating 1954 wins.

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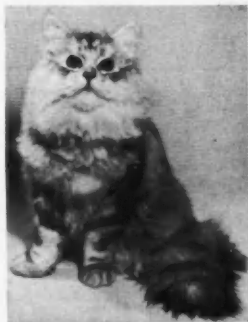
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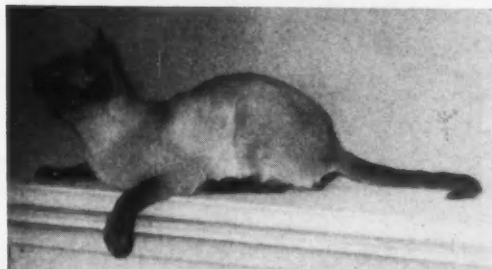


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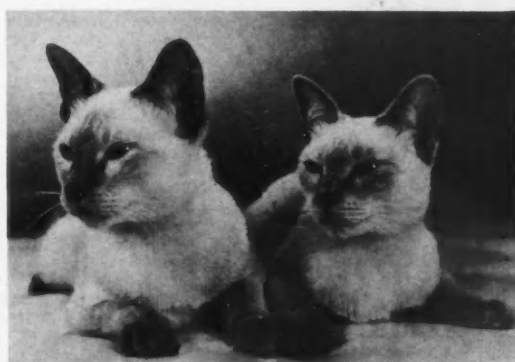
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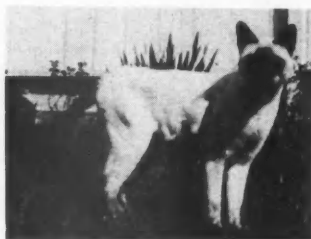
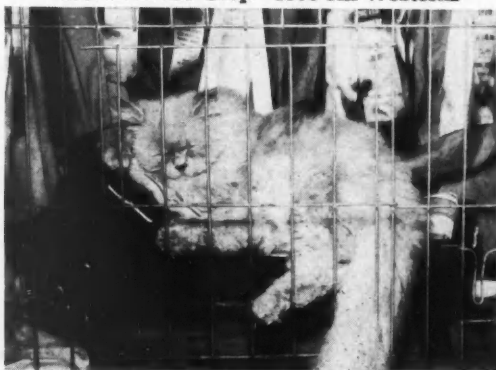
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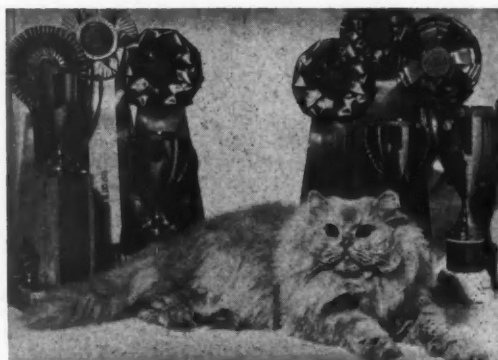
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LONGHAIR DIVISION

Blue Eyed White Male—Shirrelle's White Cavalier, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Forreth; Hon. Men.—Klinkhammer's Snow Boy, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer.

Blue Eyed White Female—Flagstone Gai of Shanna Groith, Colleen Aslyn; Hon. Men.—Klinkhammer's Atom Bombette, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer.

Orange Eyed White Male—Dbl. Ch. Shanna Groith White Bugle, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith; Hon. Men.—Lynhaven's Topper, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Konkel.

Orange Eyed White Female—Ch. Montpellier Floffe Adore, Mrs. E. Montpelier; Hon. Men.—Klinkhammer Angelette, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer.

Odd Eyed White Male—Dixiland Sugarfoot of Mrs. Alexanders, Mrs. Mildred Alexander.

Odd Eyed White Female—Tpl. Ch. Mrs. Alexander's Aurora of Billig, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr.; Hon. Men.—Chalsu Cara Mia, Mr. Charles Victor.

Blue Male—Tpl. Ch. Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, Mrs. Joan Arnold; Hon. Men.—Creethaven Mr. Big of Prieta, Mrs. Marion Beller.

Blue Female—Quad. Ch. Leilani's Liliuokalani of Fiddler's Green, Jack and Althea Wedel; Hon. Men.—Ch. Montpellier Reine Victoria, Mrs. E. Montpelier.

Black Male—Lightwing MacBeth, Loretta Beal; Casa Verde's Baron, Mrs. Kathryn Hartley.

Black Female—Gr. & Tpl. Ch. Shanna Groith's Black Pearl, Colleen Aslyn; Hon. Men.—Far Cry's Bess, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Gillies.

Red Male—Cal-Iwa's Tawny, Mrs. Emma Grant; Hon. Men.—Gilmore's Atkins, Pearl R. Allison.

Red Female—Tpl. Ch. Shawnee Cardinalette, Mrs. William Woods; Hon. Men.—(TIE) Gilmore's Virginia Dare, Pearl R. Allison; Ch. Hillcrest Chessie Marie, Mrs. Logan E. Williams.

Cream Male—Dbl. Gr. & Tpl. Ch. Burke Lee's Creme de le Creme, Phyllis S. Whitney; Hon. Men.—Ch. Gilhooley Gem of Chatami, Mrs. C. N. Powell.

Cream Female—Tpl. Ch. Lady Gay of Pensford, Imp., Alberta M. Paris; Hon. Men.—Lanny Lea's Gold Tress, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Coons.

Silver Male—Tpl. Gr. Ch.—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, Mrs. Helen Van Zele; Hon. Men.—Rio Casa's Fostoria, Irma Siegel.

Silver Female—Skyland Diana, Mrs. Gladys Weirich; Hon. Men.—La Chaita of Beverly Serrano, Mrs. F. W. Peterson.

Shaded Silver Male—Dbl. Ch. Kiva Shaddo, Mrs. Ada May Miles; Hon. Men.—Ch. Hayward's Mr. Moonlight, Mrs. Isabel Meader.

Shaded Silver Female—Dbl. Ch. Mimi La Blanche, Mrs. Ellen L. Shirfield; Hon. Men.—Silvercrest Alcyone of Skyland, Mrs. Gladys Weirich.

Silver Tabby Male—Sir Pepper of Silver Vista, Mrs. Elissa Elder.

Silver Tabby Female—Princess Robin of Lagunda Honda, Latina M. Nielsen; Hon. Men.—Fur Fun Melody of Silver Vista, Mrs. Elissa Elder.

Smoke Male—Nani Lei Hapahole Keiki, Mildred A. Joseph; Hon. Men.—Nani Lei King Lani Lei, Mildred A. Joseph.

Smoke Female—Spring Mountain Cinderella, Winifred C. Miles; Hon. Men.—Silver Stole Princess, Andrew J. O'Mallia.

Red Tabby Male—Golden Cavalier, Mrs. Jennette L. Wheeling; Hon. Men.—Tpl. Ch. Light Wing Warrior of Smithway, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith.

Red Tabby Female—Quad. Ch. Belmont Bobette of Smithway, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith; Hon. Men.—(TIE) Angelita's Syndra, Mrs. Pauline Frankenfeld; Ch. Princess Auburn Fluff of Sudande, Catherine B. Amoroso.

Peke Red Tabby Male—Beau Minou of Sylvia, Mrs. L. Sylvia.

Peke Red Tabby Female—Viking Naughty Marietta, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grant.

Brown Tabby Male—Tuf-E-Nuf of San-Dee, Mrs. Andrew J. Flynn; Hon. Men.—Ch. Maile Lei Sir Echo, Mrs. Agnes T. Kleene.

Brown Tabby Female—Dbl. Ch. San-Su of Azure, Mrs. William J. Woods; Hon. Men.—Glen Mar's Nina of San-Dee, Miss Sandra Flynn.

Tortoiseshell—Tpl. Ch. Driftwood Pixie of Longhill, Alberta

Paris; Hon. Men.—Roxborough Kutie Pye, Mrs. Henry Van Holten.

Blue Cream—Dbl. Gr. & Quad. Ch. Lanny Lea's Favorite of Billig, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr.; Hon. Men.—Bleau-gate's Joy, Mrs. John Pinkston.

FOREIGN SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Seal Point Siamese Male—Dbl. Ch. Sha Lin's Fra Ping Thai, Miriam Williams; Hon. Men.—Beaver's Chi Lambo, Mrs. H. T. Beaver.

Seal Point Siamese Female—Gr. & Tpl. Ch. HRH Marin Princess Always, Mrs. Spencer N. Smiley; Hon. Men.—Shanghai Cotton, Mrs. Gladys M. Dunn.

Blue Point Siamese Male—Gr. & Tpl. Ch. Tempurra's Yours Truly, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett; Hon. Men.—Mau Tien's Little Moses, Arthur Vining Fisher.

Blue Point Siamese Female—Gr. Ch. Lamar's Kuan Yin, Cmdr. and Mrs. Charles L. Jones; Hon. Men.—Ta Lee Ho's Ena, Mrs. La Vona Wright.

Chocolate Point Male—Tpl. Ch. Koscak's Suki, Mrs. Helen C. Koscak; Hon. Men.—Sha Lin's Mei Fatale Tau, Miriam Williams.

Chocolate Point Female—Ch. Kwan Yin's Princess Mei Hua, Adele and Bill Deeths and Jone and Gene Wilson; Hon. Men.—Lamar's Ros Maria of Palos Verdes, Mrs. B. K. Culver.

Frost (Lilac) Point Male—Tempurra's Valiant of Sampl, Jay Harrett and Olaf Engelsen; Hon. Men.—Dbl. Ch. Old Oaks Cyaneus, Mrs. Rupert Graham.

Frost (Lilac) Point Female—Circle B's Sut Wong Nui, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brinkworth; Hon. Men.—Mau Tien's Vista of Sampl, Jay Harrett and Olaf Engelsen.

Abyssinian Male—Bograe's Simbu, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest; Hon. Men.—Zam Zam, Mrs. Florence Derrig.

Abyssinian Female—El Rosario's Autumn, La Vona Wright; Hon. Men.—Bograe's Naith, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest.

Burmese Male—Quad. Ch. Gerstdale's Mulkraj II of Ruboo, Mrs. Ruth Larson; Hon. Men.—Casa Gatos Myho, Blanche Warren.

Burmese Female—Dbl. Ch. Casa Gatos Tana, Blanche Warren; Hon. Men.—Quad. Ch. Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, Mrs. Spencer Smiley.

Russian Blue Male—Tpl. Ch. Petya of Flomar of Mission City, Blanche Warren; Hon. Men.—Bograe's Peter, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest.

Russian Blue Female—Casa Gatos Inga, Blanche Warren; Hon. Men.—Tpl. Ch.—Lamar Nicola of HRH Marin, Mrs. Spencer Smiley.

Orange Eyed White Manx Female—Mei Li's Sno Crystal, Dr. Fern Smith.

Odd Eyed White Manx Female—Truantail Daphne, Arthur C. Yearin.

Blue Manx Male—Senza Coda's Storm Cloud, Mrs. Virginia Sweem; Hon. Men.—Ri-Bo's Blue Beau II, Rita and Bob Wilson.

Blue Manx Female—Manxland Lavender of Xantha (Imp.), Mrs. Donald J. Cockeram; Hon. Men.—Senza Coda Tizabu of Sunni Slope, Mrs. Evelyn Clark.

Black Manx Male—The Churches Bosun of Xantha, Mrs. Donald J. Cockeram; Hon. Men.—Manxland Finlo, Dolores H. Dana.

Black Manx Female—Xantha's Velda, Mrs. Donald J. Cockeram; Hon. Men.—Manxland Fenella, Mrs. Helen O'Toole.

Cream Manx Male—Ocean View Dream Boy, Mrs. Olive Hall; Hon. Men.—Quad. Ch. Dhu Lleo Cale of Truantail, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Yearin.

Red Tabby Manx Male—RiBo's Red Buttons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Wilson.

Brown Tabby Manx Male—Illiam's Dhone, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Williams.

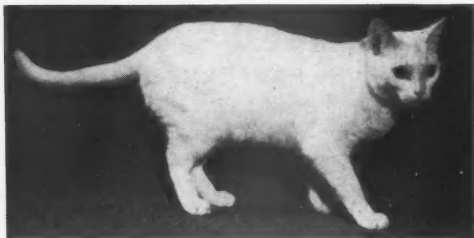
Parti-Color Manx Female—Ledgemere Frolic of Sia-Man, Mrs. C. Straight.

Brown Tabby Manx Female—Brown Delilah of Ri-Bo—Rita and Bob Wilson.

Brown Mackerel Tabby Manx Male—Mac Samson, Amelia Curphy; Hon. Men.—Ch. Tyoh Hoptee of Hassayampa, Mrs. Nathalie H. Pyle.

Brown Mackerel Tabby Manx Female—Stonor Matilda, Amelia Curphy.

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Gr. & Tpl. Ch. Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks

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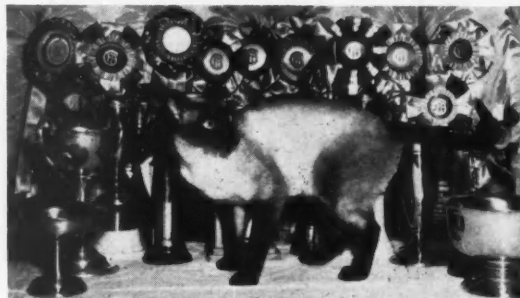
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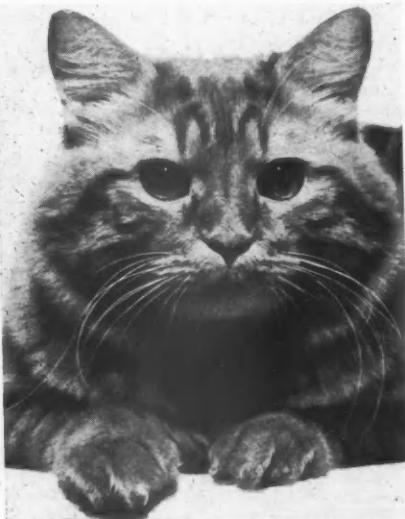
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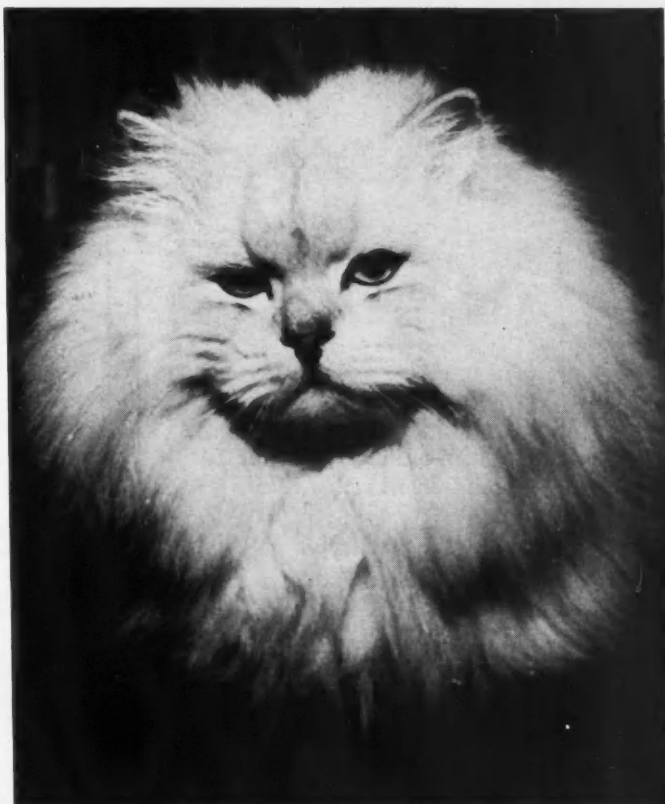
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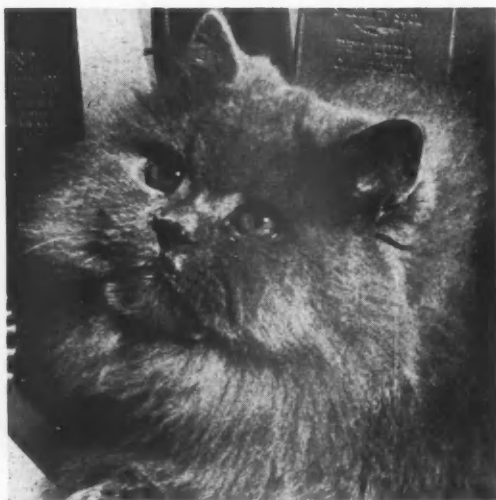
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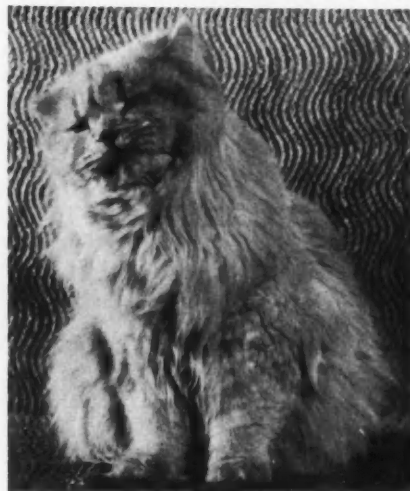
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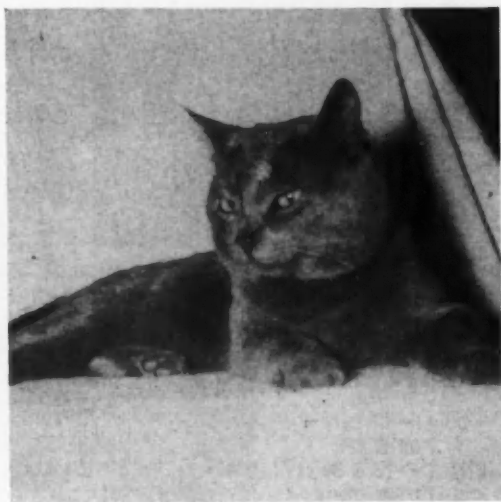
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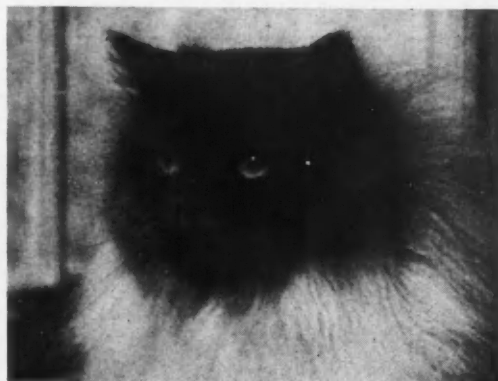
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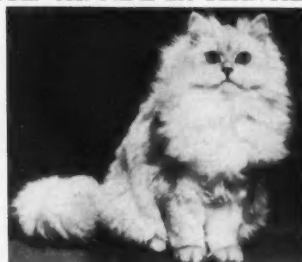
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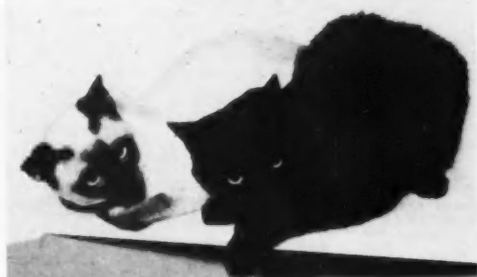
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ALL-WESTERN LISTING

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Silver Tabby Manx Female—Mrs. Minus of Mei Li, Mrs. Virginia Sween.

Tortoiseshell Manx Female—Ri-Bo's Nixie, Rita and Bob Wilson; Hon. Men.—Senza Coda's Miss Red Cap, Mrs. Virginia Sween.

Blue Cream Manx—(TIE) Ch. Hassayampa Little Bo-Peep, Mrs. Natalie H. Pyle; Ocean View Blue Paisley, Mrs. Olive Hall.

DOMESTIC SHORTHAIR DIVISION

Orange Eyed White Female—Gr. & Tpl. Ch. Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, Mrs. Rupert Graham; Hon. Men.—Old Oaks Divinity, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Rogers.

Odd Eyed White Female—Frostie, Girl of the Snow, Zaida B. Hall; Hon. Men.—Princess, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ostermann.

Blue Male—Dbl. Ch. Sean O'Toole of Lilliput, Belle Hampton and Lilla May Gallen; Hon. Men.—Pocko, Mrs. Rosemary Roland.

Black Female—Tpl. Ch. Burque Lee's Licorice Stick, Phyllis S. Whitney; Hon. Men.—Midnight Shadow of Golden Shadows, Harold R. Setzer.

Red Tabby Male—Tommy Orange, Dr. Fern Smith.
Silver Tabby Male—Gr. & Quad. Ch. Renee's Zacca of Kiva, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thompson; Hon. Men.—Gilmore's Sir Thomas Silver, Pearl R. Allison.

Silver Tabby Female—Purple Sage Zita of Kiva, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Thompson; Hon. Men.—Missouri Tootsie, Mrs. Irene Laffoon.

Brown Tabby Male—Lamar's Tabitha, Mrs. Ralph McDonald; Hon. Men.—Dbl. Ch. Koscak's Mr. Al E. Katt, Mrs. Helen C. Koscak.

Brown Tabby Female—Kelley Keenan, Jerald W. Keenan; Hon. Men.—S.M.'s Sarong of Star-Lotte, Mrs. J. T. Strom.
Smoke Male—Quad. Ch. Thor of Tamval, Barbara E. and Eleanor E. Funston; Hon. Men.—Hassayampa Smogg, Mrs. Nathalie H. Pyle.

Smoke Female—Quad. Ch. Billig's Patina, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr.; Hon. Men.—Renee's Smokee, Mrs. Irene Laffoon.

Tortoiseshell Female—Holly's Queen, Holly and John Chapin.

KITTENS

Longhair Male—Bluegate's Easter Parade (Blue), Mrs. John Pinkston; Hon. Men.—Ch. Greenbough's Cygnet (Silver), Mrs. Robert Hare.

Longhair Female—Azulita Petruska (Blue), Mrs. Walker K. Johnston; Hon. Men.—Petite Amie Blondie of Cherry Tree Inn (Blue), Christian Miller.

Shorthair Male—Tempurra's Star Fire of Milkaywai (Blue Point Siamese), Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Barnes; Hon. Men.—Beaver's Chi Lambo (Seal Point Siamese), Mrs. H. T. Beaver.

Shorthair Female—Lamar's Lynda of Moontide (Blue Point Siamese), Barbara Layton; Hon. Men.—Elo-Yee Hi-Volt-Age (Seal Point), Eloise and Frank Magnan.



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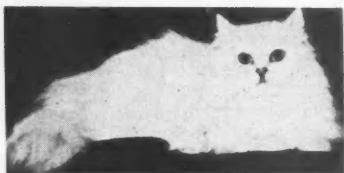
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CFA Annual

Representatives from sixty clubs attended the Annual Meeting of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc., held at Houston, Texas, March 25 and 26. Officers elected by unanimous vote were: President, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabrie; Secretary, Mrs. Myrtle K. Shippe; Treasurer, Miss Lillian M. Goodwin; Miss Elsie G. Hydon. Mr. Robert Bruce, Mrs. John Bloom, and Mrs. Lester O'Neill were elected to the Executive Board. Mrs. James H. Mood remains as Recorder.

The following clubs were accepted into affiliation with CFA: **GOLDEN WEST CAT CLUB**, San Francisco; **PORTAGE TRAIL CAT CLUB**, Solon, Ohio; **DELAWARE CAT FANCIERS**, Newark, Delaware; **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SOLID COLOR CLUB**, Lemon Grove, Calif.

More than 7500 cats were registered during the year, and thirty All-Breed and sixty-five Specialty Shows were sanctioned, the CFA Challenge Winners being: Best Cat, Best Kitten OS, and Best Longhair—Mrs. Merald E. Hoag; Best Cat OS, and Best Longhair OS—Mrs. Howell J. Mueller; Best Novice, Mrs. Ethel S. Glassman; Best Novice OS, Mrs. Nikki Horner; Best Kitten, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey; Best Shorthair, Mrs. Richard L. O'Donovan; Best Shorthair OS, Margaret L. Newton.

Resolutions discussed and referred to the Show Rules Committee concerned changes in the Siamese Standard for judging; a change in the Burmese Standard to make it less like the Siamese; the continuation of the Judging Forum each year; the rescinding of the rule that Specialty Shows be listed in the catalog after the All Breed Show. Others were that CFA reopen the class for Calico Cats (tortie and white) and set up a standard for them; that CFA create Color Classes for Parti-colored Manx kittens, neuters and spays; that Household Pets be judged on condition and beauty—without regard for any existing show standard; and that a female cat found to be pregnant by the official veterinarian be automatically disqualified from competition by the Show Committee.

Delegates voted down resolutions that cats be examined by veterinarians in their cages in the show rooms; that Grand Championship classes be made non-competitive; and that a "Best Longhair" and a "Best Shorthair" (each to receive the same number of championship points), be selected, with no "Best Cat" in show.

Washington, D.C., was chosen almost unanimously as the location for the 1956 Annual Meeting.

ACA Annual Meeting

The American Cat Association, Inc., held its Annual Meeting at Chicago on March 1. The following important resolutions were carried: That cats absent from the show room (with or without the permission of the Show Manager) when final awards are made, will be ineligible for those awards; that cats who have won Grand Championships will not be permitted to compete for Best Cat in Show, but will be permitted only to compete among themselves for Best Grand Champion or Best Gr. Ch. OS.; that the required number of Grand Championship points be raised to twenty instead of the present fifteen; and that there be no specific number required in either the All Breed or Specialty Shows; that the ruling requiring registration of Abyssinians before they are eligible to be entered in shows be rescinded and that there be no compulsory registration required on any other breeds except the Russian Blue and Burmese; that the fourth

color of Siamese now tentatively referred to as "Frost Point" be now known as "LILAC Point"; and that no championship certificate be issued to a cat called a "Siamese" unless there is evidence of three generations in the Stud Book.

At the Board Meeting following the Annual, the present officers were re-elected for another year, and it was ruled that Judges appearing on the ACA Approved List would be restricted to ACA shows for the coming year.

The following were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the year 1955-1956: Mrs. Jess Adair, Mr. Howard Cascasa, Mrs. James H. Clifton, Mrs. T. A. Dobyns, Mrs. E. G. Fessenden, Mrs. W. H. Heil, Mrs. E. F. Hamaker, Dr. Doris Hopkins, Mrs. Roberta K. Knight, Dr. Frances L. MacCracken, Mr. E. W. McCracken, Mrs. I. Oken, Miss Hattie-mae Quirk, Mrs. G. D. Robertson, Mrs. James Rusco, Mrs. Lena Sedgley, Miss Margaret Sedgley, Mrs. Blanche E. Watson, Mr. B. W. Wilson, Mr. William J. Woods, Jr.

Cats Join UCF

THE **GOLDEN GATE CAT CLUB**, INC., Oakland, Calif.; **THE SAN FRANCISCO CAT FANCIERS**, San Francisco; and the **NORTH-WESTERN SIAMESE BREEDERS**, Oakland, have all announced their recent affiliation with the United Cat Federation, Inc.

Organization of ACA Continues

The time for applying for Charter memberships in ACA has been extended to July 31, 1955, in compliance with many requests for more time to solicit Charter Members for new ACA clubs. The time within which clubs may apply for original charters has also been extended to the same date.

In addition to those announced last month, the following new clubs have been formed: **THE CATKINS**, Miami, Fla.—President, Mr. H. R. Lawson; Secretary, Mrs. Marian Simms; Counselor, Mrs. Clara Schick. **PUGET SOUND CAT CLUB**, Seattle—President, Mr. Philip J. Aaron; Vice President, Mr. Sherman Arps; Secretary, Mrs. Maxine Arps. **SUNCOAST CAT CLUB**, St. Petersburg, Fla.—President, Mr. Peter P. Kerr, Jr.; Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Latimore; Counselor, Mrs. Florence Kemmer. **BLOSSOM VALLEY SIAMESE CAT CLUB**, San Jose, Calif.—President, Mrs. Paul Catalana; Secretary, Mrs. Ted Hill; Counselor, Mrs. Harry S. Kemp. **GOPHER STATE CAT CLUB**, Minneapolis—President, Mr. Don Clapp; Secretary, Mrs. Frederick W. Curtis, Jr.; Counselor, Mrs. Waldo A. Schulz. The **NORTH TEXAS CAT CLUB** voted on April 3 to resign from the CFA and then voted unanimously to affiliate with ACA. President is Mr. Walter Carl Darnell, Secretary, Mrs. H. W. Mayhew.

Boston Cat Club Officers, 50th Annual Show

At the Annual meeting of the Boston Cat Club, Inc., the following officers were elected for two years: President, Mrs. Walter G. Lee; Secretary, Mrs. Eusebe Provost; Treasurer, Mrs. Edward Sullivan.

Great plans are afoot for the next show to be held November 3-4, 1955. This will be the **FIFTIETH** Annual Cat Show, so it must be a **GREAT** one. Mrs. Marguerita Goforth from La Mesa, California, will judge the All Breed—the first time a western judge has come East to judge a show in many years. There will also be a Longhair Specialty Show and a Shorthair Specialty with judges to be announced later.

New Orleans Show

October 15-16 have been chosen by the Cat Fanciers of New Orleans, Inc. (ACA) for their next annual show sponsored by the Mid-Winter Fair & Poultry Association, Inc., as was done last season. Judges will be announced.

New Delaware Club

THE DELAWARE CAT FANCIERS, a new club affiliated with the CFA, was formed in Wilmington on March 16 at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lillian Pedulla with twenty-four members present. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla; Vice President, Mrs. John R. Pruett; Secretary, Mrs. Thomas L. Martinke, 704 So. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware; Treasurer, Mr. L. O. Pierslo. Directors—Mr. Howard G. Stackhouse, Mrs. Rex Nagle, Mr. Burton W. Lewis.

Other Elections

CORONADO CAT CLUB (ACA)—President, Mrs. Charles L. Jones; Vice President, Jean Crouch; Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Barnes, 253 Elkwood St., Imperial Beach; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Liddicotte; Parliamentarian and Auditor, Mr. Hugh Liddicotte. Members of the Board: Gladys M. Dunn, Annabell Nickus, Fran Fox, Bonnie Boggs, and Mr. Hugh Liddicotte, Chairman.

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BACK FENCE

(from page 30)

One more "fine" item before we make a little tour of the nation's capitol. A Passaic, N. J., grocery store is the subject of a \$6300 law suit. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Alberti, 23 McLean St., are suing the owners of the grocery store, B. Bros. Company, and Irving Biederman. Mrs. Alberti claims she and her dog were attacked by the cat which had "vicious propensities," and she seeks \$5000 for her injury, \$300 for the dog's treatment and loss of value, and Alberti is asking \$1000 for medical expenses. That must have been a battle. We'd like to hear how the case turns out.

Delighted that Bunny, approximately one-third Persian, pawned in the Washington, D. C. 9th St. shop of Jesse Kellman, has found a fine home with Virginia W. Sargent, president of the Animal Protective Association. Bunny, string attached to collar, was brought to Kellman's place by her owner who said she was Persian and worth \$50. He would, however, he said, settle for \$15. Kellman gave him \$7.50. Fifteen days later, the required time to hold unclaimed goods, when the man hadn't returned, Bunny had to go on the block with the rest of the merchandise. She brought \$7.50 which Kellman donated to the Animal Protective Association. Kellman's cute daughter grew fond of Bunny, but Bunny acted too "funny" when in the presence of the family canary.

Enjoyed the picture of a handsome black-and-white mama cat, with her son, are the only animal representatives in Congress. Together, they live in the cellar of the House of Representatives. They receive handouts from the cooks, engineers, and, it's to be hoped, loyal patrons of the House Coffee Shop. Says the Washington Star, which took the fine picture of mama outlined against the capitol dome, "they are not expected to catch mice" . . . "there are none in the House" . . .

Still in Washington, that was a beautiful photograph by Harris & Ewing, posers of presidents, which the Washington Post published in honor of the passing of Mr. White, lovely white shorthair who became the center of attention in the thirties when he was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Mr. White, the pet of Bascom Timmons, well-known Washington news correspondent, was suffering from a blood stream infection that would not respond to a veterinarian's treatment. Through Jesse H. Jones, close friend of Timmons and then Reconstruction Finance Corporation chairman, Dr. Hugh Young of Johns Hopkins was induced to try a cure. While Mr. White was in the Hospital, he received messages from well-wishers all over the world, including one from President Roosevelt who was cruising in the Caribbean at the time. In 1941, Mr. White was discharged, completely cured. In late March of this year, Mr. White, he of the one blue and one green eye, began to fail, and on March 23rd, at the age of nineteen, he went, one of the most famous cats of our time, to his rest. He leaves Buddy, a yellow-and-white shorthair, in the home of Timmons, hard-boiled newspaperman with "a soft spot for cats."

Sometimes when you watch your cats

sleeping and resting, (things they do often and well!) you wonder why they can't live to be a hundred. Then you realize the little hearts beat too fast, the little feet run too much, over too many miles, proportionately, the little skulls and nervous systems are stimulated too often by too many sights, sounds, smells, events, that to adult humans mean nothing. Then all you can do is be thankful they don't have the metabolism of sparrows, say, nor their life expectancy.

It's the way God intended it, that we have them only part of our lives, those who have them nineteen years are among the more fortunate of us. Probably there's one thing we should try to remember, too, and that is, if we lose a pet, it's not likely we're supposed to swear off all others forever. We know we're not supposed to have them all of our lives, and if we know that, we also should know there's a reason why things have been planned this way for us. It's often difficult to do, but better in the long run to work with the plan, not against it, and this means, of course, start all over again with another little

kitten. If it's a stray you find in the street or pound, what you can do with it in the next nineteen years may be all the more remarkable. But if you must have one like the one you lost, or if you've always wanted a special color or breed then you should have that. The only important thing to remember is, to start all over again, a new life, a new cycle. Much fun and pleasure, then sorrow, and then again, fun and pleasure.

—A.M.

You Think

(from page 10)

Anyone of average intelligence and common sense will expect a cat to act like a cat, to be destructive unless his surroundings are adapted for cat-and-human living, to do foolish, dangerous things if he is expected to reason like a human being. You are the one who has the human brain. You must do the reasoning and foreseeing.

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Quotes from the Shows

By BILLIE BANCROFT

Empire Cat Show, CFA
New York City
February 3rd and 4th

This is a nice Show, beautiful Show-room. Too bad the weather will keep the crowd away!—Mrs. Richard Milhaven, Freeport, N.Y.

Empire has done it again. This is a lovely Show, a generous supply of ribbons and rosettes. Judicious and discreet distribution of same by the Judges to the cats most worthy. Nice friendly rivalry too. Pleasant Show-room, a bit crowded this afternoon making the announcer, Billie Bancroft, really labor to be heard. The zero weather did not keep the many lovely cats at home. The entries prove that the Empire is a MUST when it comes to Shows.—Mrs. Harold L. Bayer, Mt. Ranier, Maryland.

In spite of the terrible weather, I feel this is going to be a fine Show. This is my first time with Empire and they are living up to their reputation of being a grand group.—Mrs. Lee Carnahan, Norfolk, Virginia.

Empire always has a nice Show as everyone knows in advance. I have never watched Mrs. Herms judge before although I have known her for a long time. She handles her cats beautifully and she looks so lovely in the judging ring.—Mrs. Henry F. Bode, Massapequa, N. Y.

I feel very flattered that Billie Bancroft asked my reactions to this fine Show. I was told she was an outstanding advocate for the Novice. I'll be back with entries next time Empire has a Show. I am buying two kittens, blue-eyed Siamese, before I leave New York City.—Mrs. Laura Bergman, Glen Falls, New York.

This is my first Show—but it will not be the last I assure you. Inside of four weeks I'll be buying two Cream Persians, one color-bred Red and a Black Persian.—Hazel Barronet, New York City.

I like this Show. I am not exactly a Novice in raising yet I do not often show my cats. I am slanting all my desires toward the Siamese. There are three breeders here that I came directly to meet. I have been writing to them and have an appointment with each. Before I go home my family will be increased by two new members. I'm going to name the boy after Billie Bancroft.—Mrs. Elizabeth Brickeniche, Thousand Island Park, New York.

I am not an exhibitor but I always enjoy the Empire Show. Beautiful cats as always and the Show is efficiently well run.—Mrs. E. P. Nelson, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

As usual, Empire has put on another Grand Show, however, I do wish there were more seats!—Jane Stackhouse, Mt. Holly, New Jersey.

I never knew so many nice breeders to go out of their way to be friendly with newcomers explaining the way things work. I feel that I have been missing a lot in not knowing that Cat Shows were so interesting.—Miss Inez Arkright, Delmar, New York.

I have attended Cat Shows all over America, nothing—no nothing approaches these Empire Shows. They are beautifully managed and are truly magnificent, these Shows are a guide for all Show-managers!!! —Bertram Eddie, New York City.

So far it seems unusually well run. I am especially grateful and appreciative for the thoroughness, efficiency and courtesy of the veterinarians. My only criticism is the usual one of too much delay in starting.—Mrs. Helena S. Price, Westfield, N. J.

Billie Bancroft Comments:
The Show dates selected for Empire at the Belmont Plaza happened to hit zero weather, the first day was bitter. The second day was breath-taking, the public came in crowds. Along about three in the afternoon the visitors began to pour in, the uniformed Guard at the door worked fast, he had to have assistance. While zero conditions did affect the first day—on the second day the gate men than made a comeback. Empire did not go in the red by any manner of means.

Probably one of the most interesting hits in the Show was the 'kissing-cat'—if I told you how much that little cat made in selling kisses you would not believe me—but it was plenty. Peegam Fitzgerald, the Radio-TV star was

there, finding homes for some of the four-footed cat-children she was aiding, as a background for the babies, she had quite a collection of oil paintings—she had done. Much to her surprise some of the paintings had been sold at one of the galleries for quite a sum, she was just messing around in oils, has never used anything but oils—I'm informed she is a natural at painting cats. I had quite an interview with Miss Diane Little who informs me she has cast the horoscope of "Mid-Nite"—and that it explained quite a lot regarding this black male. I overheard several people in the Show question her regarding casting horoscopes. (Miss Little has a home at 141 West 73rd Street, New York City).

The publicity of Empire Show was unbelievable, every paper in New York gave Empire space and pictures.

Thirty-two comments were handed in that had no address signed to them. These comments were good but I could not use them.

North Dallas Cat Club Show
February 5th and 6th

At this February Dallas Show there were plenty of roomy aisles also very pleasant exhibitors, crowds of visitors, most of the Exhibitors felt that they would have been much happier had they been able to see more of the judging and ear the comments of each of the Judges. No more mobile table judging for me.—Bess Carroll Walton, Houston, Texas.

This Show is unique, everyone at this Show seems to be working. The space is wonderful, nice crowd too. The cats are well handled and the Judges went at a fair pace. I am glad to see how a new system works out.—Mrs. Frank Lockry, Kansas City, Mo.

The Judges did a terrific job, I liked them very much but I did not like the judging at the cages, it cannot compare with having the cats brought up to the Judges. You do not know one thing that is going on until they are through.—Mrs. Harry C. Garrison, 4814 Rockwood Drive, Houston 4, Texas.

There are lots of fine cats here and the judging is good but the arrangement used at this Show is terribly tiresome for the Judges and very confusing for everyone, certainly not something to be copied. However, I do say that the atmosphere among the breeders was very pleasant.—Wanda Scott, 12408 East 5th Street, Independence, Mo.

This method judging did not seem to work successfully for such a large Show. Both spectators and exhibitors were very dissatisfied, my main gripe was the fact that there were no rosettes even for the Best Cat and B-O-J cat. I do think all the bests should have rosettes. The Dallas people as always, were wonderful and made up for all the confusion.—Mrs. Joan Carter, Pharr, Texas.

May I say that I think we all have been grossly negligent in not offering to take over the grooming of Joan Carter's Longhairs, she clerked in almost every Show and I do not believe that any of us came forward to groom her cats for the Bench. My apologies, Joan, and I promise to do better from now on, your cats are worthwhile. White cats too!—Helen Mueller, San Antonio, Texas.

I believe this cage judging is impractical unless numerous improvements are made. The good point is that cats are less upset by repeated handling. However, the exhibitors are unable to hear the judges' comments also, unable to get the other cats in blocked off aisles to groom etc., (even if they are not being judged at that time). This also makes it very difficult for a Judge to pick BCC when the cats to be considered are several cages apart. Better lighting was badly needed. I think the Show was benches nicely, plenty of room. I noticed the Show workers were co-operative but inexperienced. There are a lot of nice cats being shown. The competition in some classes was good. The cages should have had large numbers on them. The judging was excellent. Both Judges took time to explain their decisions. I enjoyed watching each of them handle the cats. An orchid to the Siamese Judge, Mrs. Wolfgang. I believe she is one of the Judges coming up.—Lois M. Padgett, 2741 West Archer, Denver, Colorado.

This is a nice Show. Scads of lovely cats. I did not care for the type of judging. We cannot enjoy all of the cats as it is confusing to watch. Only the breed you are exhibiting is the one you look at.—Mrs. Paul Swan, RDF 2, Galena, Mo.

More Dallas Quotes, Houston, and Minneapolis next month.



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TO THE NOVICE (from page 5)

way to lift one is by making good use of both hands. Place the right hand under the chest close to the front legs and your left hand under the hind legs. By using both hands as such you can lift the kitten and it will feel more secure when the entire weight of the body has support. This is especially helpful to know as the kit grows older and has more weight. When the animal is once lifted you must remember to keep its body supported. This can best be done by holding against your chest or over your shoulder and using one arm to hold up its lower portion. Perhaps you like to cradle your pets; this is acceptable too.

A kitten loves to play. As has been mentioned, many hours of real pleasure and enjoyment will be the child's as well as your own by watching its cute antics with different objects as toys. Once the kit gains confidence in its new owners, it might even allow itself to be dressed in doll clothing or to ride in a baby buggy. At this point, you should keep one thing in mind. That just as your child needs its rest so does the kitten. After a time of play it will become sleepy and lie down in an exhausted heap. Train your child to know this, using his own life as an example. It would be good if a regular resting place could be provided for the pet so that it can get the rest desired without having to be disturbed. If a kitten is required to play continuously it is apt to lose its health, become nervous, and then it will be subject to many ailments known to the cat world. It might be that you can get both the child and the kitten to rest at the same time. Many kittens are taken to the veterinarian for treatment when they become listless; most times all they need is a good rest.

We mentioned care earlier in this article. You may be wondering just what kind of care is to be given to a little kitten. This includes proper feeding, sanitary care, and also grooming. Grooming is necessary, especially in the Persian kitten to insure a good coat. Teach the child how to comb its pet and the kitten will become used to the pro-

cedure and learn to love it. As the child sees you as a parent do it, he will want to do it for it really belongs to him. When it comes to bathing, the child can help in some small way but it remains primarily the job of the parent.

There are few diseases that can be transmitted from the cat to the child or vice versa. But there is one that can affect both at the same time and this is ringworm. This can be picked up by either the child or the kitten from dogs, cats, or other children. Should you notice anything resembling its developing, begin treatment at once to prevent further complications. Rabies should also be guarded against if the disease should become rampant in your area.

In regard to scratches which are bound to happen from an occasional accident or hard playing, use your best knowledge of first aid. Wash the general area of the child where it has been scratched with hot soapy water, sterilize the wound and treat as you ordinarily do any other puncture of the skin. If your child is bitten by a cat or dog out on the street, wash as mentioned above and take the child to your doctor for whatever treatment he deems necessary. But there is very seldom any trouble with a kitten kept in the house amid clean surroundings. From this you can gather that it is necessary to keep the kitten clean as well as the child. Although a kitten will try and keep itself clean, you must be on the job too, especially if it has freedom out of doors. All pets must be properly cared for to prevent possible infectious accidents from happening to children.

I hope these few words will be of help to you on the problem of Kittens and Children. Drop me a line through CATS Magazine, and share your thoughts with me, for I will be glad to hear from you and your cats.

Behind each Novice stands one person upon whom the Novice must depend. I wish to acknowledge with heartfelt thanks the help and guidance which Mrs. Billie Bancroft so graciously gave to me. Without her guiding hand, none of the achievements of this Novice would have been possible. Thanks, Billie.

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Along with Spring, a lifesaver in itself for us Yankees, those who like cats find several heartwarming stories in the news this May. One concerns Spider, a cat owned by M/Sgt. Edward Spaulding at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. Spider, perhaps feeling Spring in his bones, stowed away in the landing gear of a T-33 trainer bound for Greenville A.F.B., Miss. While Spider conquered space out there all by himself, the plane soared as high as 40,000 feet at 550 miles an hour. The next day a telegram arrived from the Greenville base veterinarian to the Maxwell base veterinarian reading as follows: "Attention base veterinarian. One yellow and white cat, bearing rabies tag Number 87, dated 1955 brought to my office today. Was stowed away in landing gear of T-33 jet aircraft. Cat is temporarily deaf. Otherwise all right. Advise if owner wishes it returned and how." Hope Spider travelled home to M/Sgt. Spaulding in less precarious conveyance than jet landing gear, and that he has suffered no serious after effects.

Modern library practice was advanced (others may disagree, if they choose) several years when the New York Public Library announced recently that dogs and cats may accompany their bookish masters inside. Only stipulation is that pets must be leashed and housebroken.

Cats, as if surprised and supremely grateful to be included with the canines in this deal (which may yet fizzle out if non-pet-owning library dwellers object strongly enough) retaliated throughout the U.S. by more than earning their keep. Two notable instances of life-saving occurred. Tiny, a gentle-looking gray Tom, saved the life of 21-month-old Kareem Habib whose parents were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Noomie, 5830 Southford, Houston, Texas. The two families were eating supper when Mrs. Habib noticed that Kareem was nowhere to be seen. She left the dinner table to go in search of her son. She didn't see him in the backyard, but did notice the Noomie's cat, Tiny, perched on the ledge of a fishpond, peering into the water. Looking in the pond too, Mrs. Habib saw her son lying motionless in 30 inches of water. She screamed, Mr. Noomie came running out and applied artificial respiration for ten minutes, when Kareem revived. He was later pronounced out of danger by a physician. But for Tiny, Mrs. Habib said, she would not have thought to look in the pond at once, and any delay in removing him from the water would probably have placed him beyond revival.

Sammy, a Siamese, performed with the usual dash of the breed an equally important rescue. Sammy's owner, Ray C. Moys, 2440 S.W. 4th Ave., Portland, Oregon, was drying his hair in one part of a two-section kitchen when he became overwhelmingly sleepy. About that time, Sammy sprang from his given bed atop the refrigerator and pounced on his nodding master. Sammy clawed Moys thoroughly about the face, neck and hands. He pulled his hair. Moys roused himself sufficiently to realize a kitchen burner was turned on, but not high enough to spark a flame in the faulty pilot light. Both Moys and Sam escaped.

Another lively Siamese pair we hear of, Susie and Ming. Susie, residing with Mrs. E. W. Hoggan, 5271 Balboa Ave., Encino, Calif., scaled a eucalyptus tree, was stranded there three days and might be there yet, and had not Ed Stoiberg, friendly vacuum salesman happened along and cut the tree down. Mrs. Hoggan figured a \$75 tree was small loss compared to having Susie, her pet of eleven years, back on the ground. Susie really sailed into the chow, too, once she'd landed on terra firma. A gal can get pretty hungry in three days!

Ming is the two-year-old female of the children of Dr. Murray M. Shear, Buckingham Ave., Trenton, N. J. She wandered, probably looking for a boy friend, into the home of a neighbor who thought she looked "unfriendly". We can understand how that restless gait, those mournful wails, and those (diluted with fright) big, maybe crossed (also with fright?) eyes could be mistaken by the uninitiated as "unfriendly". At any rate, the neighbor called the police, and the police called the dog catcher. As Ming was being removed from the dog catcher's wagon to the pound, thank Heaven, she slipped away. For weeks, the Shears kept an ad running in the Trenton Times, describing Ming. They received dozens and dozens of phone calls, some just from sympathizers. At last, myriads of calls later, came the one. Ming had wandered into another house, but this time with better luck. In she came with the cat who already lived there, this cat's owner consulted the paper, where, *twelve weeks* after her disappearance, the ad was still running. Ming is now back with her grateful little companions.

From Walsall, England, comes word of another miraculous rescue. It happened towards the end of this long, cold winter, when Fluffy, a two-year-old cat, watched through a bitter cold night beside a mouse hole. In the morning, workmen at

the local sewage depot where Fluffy lives, found her literally frozen to the ground. She was thawed loose, unharmed, with warm tea.

We'd like to thank one of our alert readers for a clipping from the December, 1954 issue of *Outdoor America*. Will someone please send Charney a subscription to this periodical? For this item reports that on the night of Oct. 6, 1954, 1900 birds, representing 65 species, were found dead scattered over three acres near the KOMU-TV station tower. University of Missouri wildlife research students and biologists of the Conservation Commission collected the birds for further studies. Biologists said the birds were moving southward before a cold wave, forced to fly at lower than normal altitude because of a heavy over-cast and a 400-foot ceiling. Similar tragedies were enacted in several other parts of the country the same night, according to reports. Hope that Charney will get her very active brain working on this, and leave the (so-called) cat problem, infinitesimal by comparison, alone, for a change.

Speaking of birds, the will of a Lexington, Mass. man left \$2000 and twenty-three shares of stock to finance feeding of wild birds. The Animal Rescue League is to receive \$1500 for the care of "cats abandoned by their owners." In another bequest through the same will, the SPCA was left \$2000 for the "stabling, pasturing and medical care of horses," or, if there should be no horses in need of care "then donkeys, mules, cows, calves, goats and cats, but in no instance dogs." The remarkably perspicacious gentleman who made this will may have been trying to atone for the uncomfortable second fiddle position all animals except the dog find themselves playing throughout their lives. In this connection, it's interesting to note the stir caused by the will of Mrs. Clare Belle Tolson, 177 Roseville Ave., Newark, N. J. Mrs. Tolson willed \$1500 to Paddie Cat, her companion of the last sixteen years, and \$2000 outright to Miss Lily Hall, a former employee, for taking care of Paddie. For this she was blamed by the Newark News, which claimed she should have left her tiny savings to some charity, that leaving \$1500 to Paddie was a clear case of misdirected compassion. Well, thank Heaven, the News did receive a few letters from people who claimed, good gracious, didn't the poor woman have a right to do what she wanted to do with her money. After all, if she felt Paddie deserved some thanks for sixteen years of loyal companionship, she probably was in a better position to judge how much, and what, thanks than any one else. It should be remembered too that the larger part of Mrs. Tolson's "estate" went to a human friend. Not only that, but wouldn't you suppose Mrs. Tolson was happier in her last days knowing Paddie would not have to be put to sleep? Not for five years anyway. Yes, that's all it figures out to, at the rate of \$5 per week. Surely seems a shame to begrudge Paddie the opportunity to live five more years, if he can. Wonder what the News would have said of the Lexington, Mass. will, which left far more money to animals? Well, the one bright spot is the happy look we see on faces of Paddie and Miss Lily Hall. Both look as if they'd been good friends for years. We don't think Miss Hall will find it much of a chore to see that Paddie gets his \$5 per week's worth.

Money and cats are in the news for other reasons, too. In Delaware, Ohio, a 76-year-old man was convicted of killing his neighbor's cat and was fined six dollars in costs and twenty-five dollars for the killing. Mrs. Alice Dowles and her two small daughters testified they had seen the man kill their pet on Washington's Birthday. Although he denied this in court, he was judged guilty. The Cat Welfare Association, Inc., 209 So. Sandusky St., Columbus, Ohio, says this man probably was the first person convicted of killing a cat under state law. The law prohibits the killing of domestic animals without owner's consent, except by a state-licensed veterinarian.

Two employees of a Yonkers, N. Y., five-and-ten were fined twenty-five dollars, this time for dumping two cats in Palisades Interstate Park. The cats had turned up at the store when it was first built and would not leave. Oh, these cats which must exist in stores and factories and barns. They don't live there, because to live, a cat has to have: food (protein) daily, water daily, milk occasionally (if it will drink that), a warm, dry (in Summer, a shady) place to sleep and a Sani-Tray or the equivalent, so that the cat is not punished for, in effect, living. And praise be for the hearts of owners who do provide these minimum essentials for cats they keep! In this particular case of the five-and-ten store cats, we surely feel the two men fined were no more at fault than all the rest of the people at the store. Probably less. It's obvious they at least wanted the cats to have another chance at life. However, perhaps the fact that these men were fined will serve as a much-needed object lesson to the many others who do the same thing. Simple as it seems to the simple-minded, dumping is not the way to solve the surplus cat problem.

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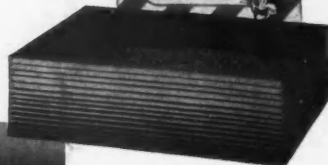
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